

# Armor and Cavalry Update

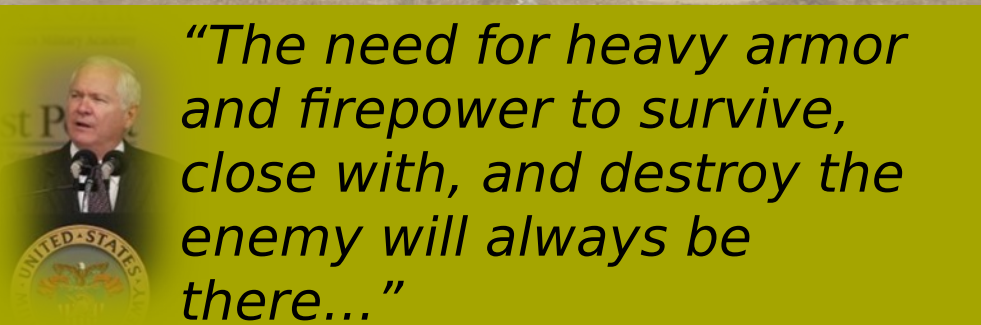


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# Armor and Cavalry: Versatile and Adaptive Now and For the Future

*"The need for heavy armor and firepower to survive, close with, and destroy the enemy will always be there..."*

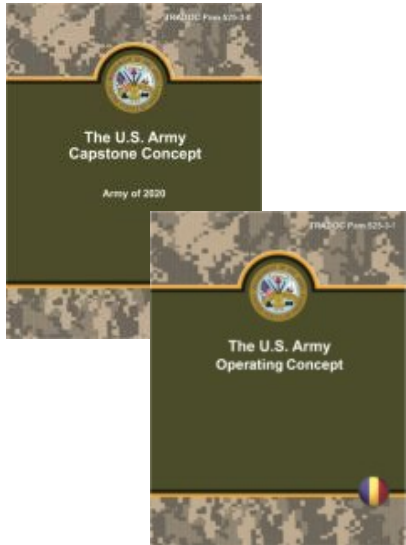




# The Future

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- The Future Operational Environment
  - Greater complexity, uncertainty, speed of change and adaptation
  - Scientific, technological, and social advancements
  - Diverse adversaries using hybrid strategies and tactics
  - Reduced resources
- History proves that we are not very good at predicting the next war
- Required capabilities for movement and maneuver
  - Operational adaptability - provided by the speed, flexibility, and shock of mobile protected, precision firepower
  - Mobility, firepower, and protection to defeat the enemy in and among the populace
  - Fight for and collect information in close contact with the enemy and civilian populations
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# It's a Combined Arms Fight



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- Combined arms capabilities are a critical to having an adaptive and effective Army
- This is proving true today in Afghanistan and Gaza
- Our basic movement and maneuver competencies have atrophied
- We're training our Soldiers and leaders for the combined arms fight
  - Mounted Maneuver Training at Good Hope
  - Indirect fires, CAS, CCA
  - Need to increase air-ground and Engineer integration opportunities
- BCT 2020 Draft
  - Return of the 3<sup>rd</sup> maneuver battalion to our BCTs
  - Addition of the Brigade Engineer Battalion to the BCT

**Never fight a fair fight!**







# Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Security: Providing the Foundation for Versatility and Adaptability

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- IPB / IPOE
- PIR
- Recon Objective
- Recon Fundamentals
- Security Fundamentals
- Recon Handover
- Surveillance
- Target Acquisition
- Fires / AGI
- Counter Recon
- Combat Tracking
- Enabling Operations

- We will have to collect information in a complex, uncertain environment
- Must be able to fight for information in close contact with populations and enemies
- Communications, firepower and protection for our Scouts are paramount





# Mobile, Protected, Precision Firepower: Essential Army Capabilities for Joint Operations

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- Providing mobile, protected, precision firepower is our unique contribution
- Recent history
  - US Army in Iraq
  - IDF in Gaza
  - USMC in Afghanistan
- Where we're going
  - Abrams Platform Improvements
  - Abrams Ammunition Upgrades
  - Precision firepower training







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# Leader Development



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CAV  
Army Reconnaissance Course  
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- Develop the right type of leader courses
- Empower our innovative and creative junior leaders
- Get back to the basics of leader development:
  - Training
  - Education
  - Experience
- ARC is a prime example of how to implement the Army Learning Model 2015



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# FY 13 Initiatives

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- Linking to the Operational Force
- Mobile Gun System (MGS) Master Gunner
- Reconnaissance Summit
- Annual Sullivan Cup
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gainey Cup







# Leadership and Selfless Service

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SFC Corey Willis, F/5-15 CAV, graduates Ranger School as the first 19D in history to earn the Ranger School Leadership Award.



19D  
Silver Star, OEF 2011

Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains victory. – GEN George S. Patton



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# Questions



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